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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OF

In/re application of

Navy Case No. 82,918

William M. Appleman, et al.

: Group Art Unit: 1723

Serial No. 09/879,870 : Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon

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For: ARRANGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEMENT BUNDLING MODULE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the current Office action dated April 30, 2003 (presumably reopening prosecution following the Final Office action dated Dec. 2, 2002 and the filing of an Appeal Brief thereafter), an amendment is submitted herewith as follows: